

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule



The recycling scheduled pickup for Wednesday, March 17, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### APG blood drive

A blood drive for the Armed Services Blood Program will be held in the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel, 8 a.m. to noon, March 12. Headquarters Support Troop and the Post Chapel will host the event.

Donors may be active duty military or civilian.

For more information, call Darcel Thomas, HST, 410-278-3000 or Staff Sgt. William Benjamin, AA Chapel, 410-278-4333.

### Edgewood Area Shoppette changes hours

Effective March 15, the Edgewood Area Shoppette, building 2514, will change its operating hours to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Hydrant flushing begins in March

Fire hydrant flushing in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground is scheduled to start during March and will continue for several weeks.

The City of Aberdeen, owners of the Aberdeen Area water distribution utility system, will perform the fire hydrant flushing between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight. Signs will be posted at the Family Housing Areas while flushing is being performed.

The Directorate of Installation Operations will flush the fire hydrants in the Edgewood Area of APG between 3 and 7 a.m.

Should resident's water become discolored during the flushing, turn on all inside water faucets and run the water until it clears up.

For more information, call Hank Selke, City of Aberdeen, 410-272-1449, Linda Kimmel, Aberdeen Area, 410-278-0400, or Ron Gentry, Edgewood Area, 410-436-2196.

### Volunteers needed for hearing research study

Volunteers are needed for a U.S. Army Research Laboratory study on communication in military vehicles. Paid listeners need to be 18 to 40 years old with normal hearing. Participation time is three hours and includes riding in an armored personnel carrier. Each listener will

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# Strategic communications leverages Army story

**Spc. Lorie Jewell**  
Army News Service

A Soldier tucks a plastic card displaying the Soldier's Creed and the Army values into his wallet.

At a school career fair, students pick up a brochure that describes our Army at war, and how it remains relevant and ready while moving from the current to future force. An action-filled video plays on a television screen, showing the Army's new Stryker infantry carriers on the move.

A senior leader tells the Army story to an audience of executives at a corporate function; a young sergeant shares his take on force stabilization at the family dinner table.

A grandmother surfing the Web clicks on the Army's Web site to learn more about her granddaughter's new duty station.

From small, ordinary gestures and everyday conversations to eye-catching promotional materials and tactical speeches, strategic communications is the method by which the Army delivers its messages to those in and out of uniform. It's one of 16 focus areas Army leaders have developed as a means for strengthening efforts to win the Global War on Terrorism.

"It's about communicating to our audience what's going on in the Army, and explaining it in terms or concepts people can understand, so that they can be a part of achieving the goal," said Col. Nelson McCouch, who heads the strategic communications division in the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. "They can't support something if they don't know anything about it."

For example, a Soldier may hear the term "force stabilization" and, having read about it in a post newspaper, may understand it in more simple terms as "my family and I will stay in one place for longer periods of time."

"Expeditionary mindset" could translate into "I'm ready to go anywhere you need me to go, at any time,

because I know I am well trained and my family is well taken care of."

The role of OCPA's strategic communications is to develop and implement plans for getting internal and external media to support the Army's campaign plan with articles that explain what's going on, McCouch said.

There are two other 'legs' that support the effort to disseminate information - the Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison and the Office of Strategic Communications. OCLL's strategic communications team is responsible for making sure the Army's messages are delivered to legislators on the hill in a timely fashion, said Col. Wayne Sauer, who heads that office.

"The Army wants Congress to know what's going on so they can do something about it during the congressional cycle," Sauer said.

That involves working closely with congressional staffers. If legislators have questions on the Army budget, for example, OCLL makes sure they get answers. When newsworthy events happen - the Army's Comanche program being canceled, for instance - OCLL makes sure Congress knows about it before reading it in the newspaper, Sauer added.

"If they read something in the newspaper and the information doesn't match up, they already have our data on it," Sauer said.

In the OSC, the mission to deliver the Army story is similar to OCPA. Whereas OCPA focuses on informing Soldiers, family members and the public at large through the media, STRATCOM's audience is expanded to target senior Army leaders - active and retired - business and social executives, and academic and think-tank representatives.

"We are trying to instill a culture of engagement so that everyone at all levels tells the Army story the same way," said Patti Benner, STRATCOM director.

Benner's department works to develop long-term themes and messages, and how to deliver them over

time periods that range from months to five years. OCPA focuses more on getting information out according to daily and weekly news cycles, McCouch said.

How messages are delivered by OSC falls to its outreach program, headed by Kay Stephenson. The program is tasked with building and strengthening relationships with national security decision makers or those with influence; the private sector and not-for-profit organizations; and academic institutions and communities. Its mission also involves providing information to the Army family.

Anyone who gets the Army message, understands it, supports it and passes it along, in essence becomes a partner with the Army, Benner and Stephenson said. "We are arming our Army ambassadors," Benner said.

As technology continues to drive everyday life, the Internet proves to be a reliable tool for giving Soldiers, their families and friends, and the general public anything they could possibly want or need to know about the Army, where it's heading and how it plans on getting there, said Lt. Col. Mark Wiggins, director of the Army's Web page ([www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)) and senior leaders' page, accessible to select personnel through Army Knowledge Online. The Web site operates under the STRATCOM umbrella.

"Whatever has been released to the public, it's on the Web site," Wiggins said. "It's the place all of our audiences come to read about the Army."

Careful thought goes into how all of that information is presented. This is a nation at war, so the main stories and photos will reflect that, Wiggins said. The lead photo will have a Soldier in it. Every effort is made to portray the joint effort of the war. Wiggins is proud of the fact that there are links to each of the other service branches on the home page of the Web site.

The Army has had a presence on the Internet since

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# U.S. flag insignia to be worn by all



Photo by SEAN KIEF

The flag insignia is worn on the right shoulder of the utility uniform to give the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward," Morales said.

**Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs**

Army News Service

right shoulder of their utility uniform, as a continued reminder that the Army is engaged in a war at home and abroad.

# President signs executive order on pay raise

Federal Daily

The President signed a long-awaited executive order to implement a retroactive pay increase for federal employees averaging 4.1 percent above the 2003 rates.

This pay adjustment supersedes the 2.0 percent overall average increase approved in December. Of the 4.1 percent increase, 2.7 percent (instead of the original 1.5 percent) is allocated as an across-the-

board increase to basic pay and 1.4 percent is allocated to increases in locality pay.

The overall 2004 pay increase ranges from about 3.89 percent (in the Kansas City locality pay area) to about 5.35 percent (in the San Francisco locality pay area) over the 2003 rates.

OPM also created new salary tables for law enforcement officers in each locality pay area.

Special rates and pay rates for the Senior Executive Service, administrative law judges, and

administrative appeals judges were also adjusted.

The executive order makes the pay increases effective retroactive to the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2004 (Jan. 11 for most employees).

The Pa., N.J., Del., and Md. area pay table is printed on page 2 of this week's *APG News*.

The new 2004 salary tables are posted on the Office of Personnel Management's Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.asp>.

## AAFES monitoring BDU supply

**Judd Antsey**  
AAFES

Backorders from the military supply system, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, are affecting Army & Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores. Both Army & Air Force MCSSs are out of stock on selected sizes of Enhanced Hot Weather and Temperate Battle Dress Uniform coats and trousers.

The military supply system advised AAFES that the get-well date for the temperate BDUs will be August. "AAFES continues to be in constant communication with DSCP," said Military Clothing Divisional

Merchandise Man-ager Dave Lumbley. "The information we received from DSCP indicates AAFES will be experiencing shortages on temperate BDUs through the end of summer 2004."

Representatives from DSCP said the current supply position is due to the allocation of BDU production from woodland to desert to support the tremendous increase in desert requirements as a result of the war in Iraq.

"The temperate trousers are the item in the most critical position, and while DSCP does not expect to get well until August, we will experience a significant increase in deliveries starting in April,"

said Jim Kane, product manager for BDUs in DSCP's clothing and textile directorate. "We have recently released all backorders for enhanced hot weather coats and trousers. These assets should be reaching the stores soon, and DSCP expects to remain in sustained supply for the enhanced hot weather items."

DSCP and the Defense Logistics Agency annually buys about \$10.4 billion worth of food, clothing, textiles, medicines, medical equipment, general and industrial supplies and services for America's warfighters worldwide, their eligible family

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reopening on March 29. Final surfacing of the cuts will follow reopening.

The Ricketts Point Road closure will occur during late April and will follow the same general schedule.

These dates and durations are subject to weather and environmental factors and may slip in both date and duration. Motorists are requested to use caution and to obey all traffic controls and detours.

The John C. Grimberg Company, a contractor for the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, will perform the work.

For more information, call 410-306-1159.



# Purchase Request submission schedule set

ACA

The Army Contracting Agency Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting has established its Fiscal Year 2004 Cutoff Dates for Submission of Purchase Requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG Directorate of Contracting to meet customer needs.

Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Organizations are advised to submit their year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

**Schedule**

The following schedule has been established for the submission of purchase requests for FY 2004 and maintenance for FY 2005:

- Noncommercial items over \$100,000 - July 1\*
- Noncommercial items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - Aug. 1
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - July 1
- Commercial items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Services over \$100,000 - July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders under existing contracts - Aug. 1
- GSA schedule procurements - Aug. 1
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15\*\*
- Maintenance for FY 2005 - July 1

(FY 05 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

\* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

\*\*Customers submitting “short-of-award” purchase requests, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after purchase requests that are funded and purchase requests that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals - the Justification and Approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socio-economic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end purchase request entry into PD2, and PD2. (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG.)

Requests received after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chief of the Contracting Division.

The APG DOC will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cut-off dates. However, the directorate has a limited capability to process late requirements.

Budgetary constraints may mean that customer-funded overtime may be the only method to provide the directorate with additional flexibility to accept requirements after the established dates.

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at: <http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/>. The fiscal year cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests are located at this site under “Announcements, News, and Notes.”

Purchase requests awarded subject to the availability of funds must be funded as soon as funds become available.

The work must start and the contractors must be paid - this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

When preparing purchase requests in PRWEB (formerly known as Acquiline):

- Do not use any dashes or spaces in the purchase request number.
- When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, preparer MUST use the following format: Normal, Times New Roman, 10.
- Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column brakes or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, (r), <, etc., in any document that

will be used in a purchase order or contract.

• The contracting writing system used by contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

Refer questions to:  
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Facilities Branch: repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place, and facilities.

*Martha Mitchem* - [martha.mitchem@us-army.mil](mailto:martha.mitchem@us-army.mil), 410-278-2362

Services Branch: General and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services.

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Technology Branch: ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and, ADP maintenance and services.

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SALARY TABLE 2004-DCB										
INCORPORATING THE 2.7% GENERAL SCHEDULE INCREASE AND A LOCALITY PAYMENT OF 14.63% FOR THE LOCALITY PAY AREA OF WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE, DC-MD-VA-WV (INCLUDING ST. MARYS COUNTY, MD) (Total Increase 4.42%) Effective January 2004										
Annual Rates by Grade and Step										
GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	STEP 10
GS-1	\$ 17,911	\$ 18,508	\$ 19,104	\$ 19,697	\$ 20,293	\$ 20,644	\$ 21,231	\$ 21,824	\$ 21,848	\$ 22,402
2	20,138	20,616	21,283	21,848	22,094	22,744	23,394	24,044	24,694	25,344
3	21,972	22,705	23,437	24,170	24,902	25,635	26,367	27,100	27,832	28,565
4	24,666	25,488	26,310	27,132	27,954	28,776	29,597	30,419	31,241	32,063
5	27,597	28,518	29,438	30,359	31,279	32,200	33,120	34,041	34,961	35,881
6	30,762	31,788	32,814	33,840	34,866	35,892	36,918	37,944	38,970	39,996
7	34,184	35,323	36,463	37,602	38,742	39,881	41,020	42,160	43,299	44,439
8	37,858	39,120	40,382	41,644	42,906	44,168	45,430	46,692	47,954	49,216
9	41,815	43,209	44,603	45,996	47,390	48,784	50,178	51,572	52,966	54,360
10	46,048	47,583	49,118	50,653	52,188	53,722	55,257	56,792	58,327	59,862
11	50,593	52,279	53,966	55,652	57,338	59,024	60,710	62,397	64,083	65,769
12	60,638	62,659	64,680	66,701	68,722	70,743	72,764	74,785	76,806	78,826
13	72,108	74,512	76,916	79,319	81,723	84,127	86,531	88,935	91,338	93,742
14	85,210	88,051	90,891	93,732	96,572	99,413	102,253	105,094	107,934	110,775
15	100,231	103,573	106,914	110,256	113,597	116,939	120,280	123,622	126,963	130,305

(Editor’s note: Visit [www.opm.gov/oca/04tables/pdf/saltbl.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/oca/04tables/pdf/saltbl.pdf) to view all pay tables.)

## Two ABCDF workers cut out of contaminated suits

**Jeff Lindblad**  
*Chemical Materials Agency*

Early morning Feb. 25, two workers in the neutralization process building of the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground had their protective work suits cut off in a precautionary procedure known as a “hot cut-out.”

The workers, who were wearing fully protective work suits with self-contained breathing apparatus, were cleaning a drain station glove box when their boots and equipment hoses became

contaminated with liquid from their cleaning bucket.

The liquid, which contained traces of mustard agent, also caused elevated agent monitor readings in the decontamination airlock. These readings would not allow for routine monitoring and exit procedures from the airlock. Accordingly, the area of the building outside the airlock was cleared of personnel, and the two workers were allowed to exit the airlock.

A specially trained team, also in protective clothing, performed additional cleaning of the workers’ clothing and cut them out of their protective suits.

The agent remained confined in the facility under ventilation controls and at no time was there a threat to either the on- or off-post communities or to the environment.

The workers and the decontamination team were subsequently evaluated by on-site medical personnel and cleared to return to work. Cleaning of the air locks and drain station is underway and routine operations resumed later the same day.

Since mustard agent disposal operations began April 23, 2003, workers at the ABCDF have successfully neutralized and destroyed more than 110 tons of agent.

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Photo courtesy of CHPPM  
*Amy Ewing, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, holds still while a member of the Armed Services Blood Bank Center team prepares her for the blood donation process.*

## CHPPM turns out for blood drive

**Ann Ham**  
*CHPPM*

At the request of the National Capital Area Armed Services Blood Bank Center, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention held a blood drive Feb. 3.

More than 45 CHPPM personnel signed up for the drive to help fulfill the military services’ requirement for blood.

“I’m just happy to help,” said donor Amy Ewing of CHPPM’s Information Management Directorate. “I’m happy to

think I may contribute to saving someone’s life.”

Lt. Col. Michael F. Dyer, office of the commanding general, coordinated the effort for CHPPM.

“For those who participated in the blood drive, please accept my deepest appreciation for supporting our service members,” Dyer said. “The event was truly successful, and the Armed Services Blood Bank Center team ran a truly outstanding, professional operation.”





Left, Sgt. Jerome Shai, receives instruction from Sgt. 1st Class Don Claxton, from Edgewood, on mounting night vision goggles to his helmet. Both are members of Maryland Army National Guard's Detachment 1, 1159th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) stationed in Edgewood Area, APG.

# National Guard trains on high tech night vision devices

Story and photo by  
Chief Warrant 4 Bud Walker  
MdARNG

Members of the Maryland Army National Guard Detachment 1, 1159th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) are receiving instruction in the use of high tech night vision devices. Pilots and flight crewmembers recently underwent ground and flight training on night vision goggles that will enable them to safely conduct their mission of aerial medical evacuation in near total darkness. The goggles, which collect and magnify ambient light from the moon, stars, and artificial sources, provide aircrews with the ability to see and identify objects at night while using the darkness to hide their movements from the enemy. "Using night vision goggles gives our crews a tactical advantage, improves safety, and increases the likelihood of completing their mission of transporting injured troops from the

battlefield without revealing their presence," said Chief Warrant 4 Gilbert Doherty, an instructor pilot with the unit. Although night vision goggles have been around for many years, new technology and improved capabilities help to make complex flight operations possible and improve the chances of safely completing a mission. "...NVGs greatly increase the capabilities of aviators to operate at night," said Chief Warrant 2 Jeremy Williams, pilot. The detachment is headquartered in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground and operates the Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Its mission is to provide medical evacuation of sick, injured and wounded Soldiers. During peacetime, the unit would provide additional medical evacuation resources to the state of Maryland in times of disaster.



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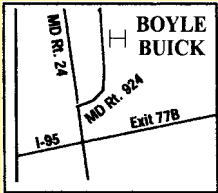


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## MOVIES

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To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



### THE BIG BOUNCE

**Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman

Surfer/drifter/con man Jack Ryan (Wilson) makes his way to Hawaii and lands a job caring for Walter Crewes (Freeman), a judge on the island. His new gig leads to an involvement with a beautiful, enterprising woman, who's really the lover of real estate tycoon and shady businessman and longtime rival of Judge Crewes. Ryan, naturally, has to choose between the woman, the money or the honorable path. (Rated PG-13)



### CALENDAR GIRLS

**Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Julie Walters, Helen Mirren

Calendar Girls is about the women of the

Rylstone Women's Institute in North Yorkshire who produce a calendar each year based around scenes of the Yorkshire dales. When one of the ladies' husbands dies of Leukemia, the women decide to make an alternative calendar of themselves in the nude hoping to sell a few hundred copies around their villages to raise funds for Leukemia research. (Rated PG-13)

### AAFES PRE-SCREENING

#### TAKING LIVES

(FREE ADMISSION)  
**Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.**

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Ethan Hawke, Kiefer Sutherland



FBI profiler Illeana Scott (Jolie), is called in by French Canadian police to help catch a serial killer who takes on the identity of each new victim. Ethan Hawke portrays John Costa, a museum employee who saw the killer and is the only one who can identify him. (Rated R)

### SATURDAY

#### MARCH 13

##### GOSPEL EXPLOSION '04

The New Destiny Evangelistic Ministries Pastors Allen and Sylvia Bryant will present Gospel Explosion '04, 7:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Baptist Church, 422 Edgewood Road.

Gospel Explosion '04 will include Morgan State University Gospel Director Ira Bell, WEEA 88.9 FM, featuring William Boyer, Timothy Ralph and True Covenant, Russell Delegation, Anthony Brown and Answered Prayers, Bishop Stalone and Alpha and Omega, and James Hatcher, New Destiny Evangelistic Ministries.

Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Tyrone Akins at 410-278-0430, Blessed Hair Creations at 410-676-9064, or New Destiny at 410-612-1241.

##### SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND CAMP FAIR

A Summer Activities and Camp Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harford Mall and will include representatives from 35 area programs. The fair will make the selection process of what kids are going to do this summer easier. Entertainment, demonstrations, prizes and give-aways will also be provided.

For more information, call 410-893-1511.

### SUNDAY

#### MARCH 14

##### BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, will sponsor a Basket Bingo. Games start at 3 p.m. Play 20 games for \$10. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingors@aol.com.

### TUESDAY

#### MARCH 16

##### VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

##### IRISH SPECIALTY MEAL

The Irish Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, department of defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or

above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Irish Specialty Meal menu includes potato and leek soup, New England boiled dinner, Sheppards pie, Irish chicken and dumplings, fish and chips, whiskey baked ham, grilled Reuben sandwiches, drill buttered potatoes, macaroni and cheese, simmered brussel sprouts, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, assorted salad bar, cole slaw with creamy dressing, pickled beet and onion salad, Irish soda bread, assorted breads, carrot cake, oatmeal cookies, chocolate eclairs, fresh fruit, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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### THURSDAY

#### MARCH 18

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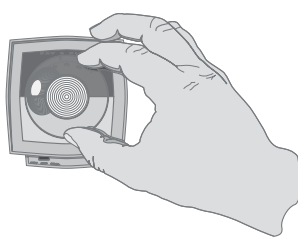
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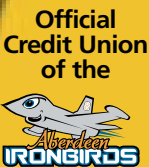
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# The APG Forum

## Commentary: What is Lent?



**Lt. Col. Carol VanSchenk Hof**  
*RDECOM*

“When the world did not end as Jesus himself said it would, his followers stopped expecting so much from God or from themselves. They hung a wooden cross on the wall and settled back into their more or less comfortable routines, remembering their once passionate devotion to God the way they remembered the other enthusiasms of their youth. Oh, to be young again, and to believe everything is possible. Little by little Christians became devoted to their comfort instead: the soft couch, the flannel sheets, and the leg of lamb with rosemary. These things made them feel safe and cared for - if not by God, then by themselves. They decided there was no contradiction between being

comfortable and being Christian, and before long it was very hard to pick them out from the population at large. They no longer distinguished themselves by their bold love for one another. They did not get arrested for championing the poor. They blended in. They avoided extremes. They decided to be nice instead of holy and God moaned out loud.” (Written by Barbara Brown Taylor, a Methodist Clergy.)

Reading this reminds me of how safe and comfortable I am. And I shudder.

Reading this, I thought of the passage in Revelations in which Jesus sent a message to a church that chose the middle way. He said, “In all the things you do, you are neither hot nor cold.”

Jesus then says something truly horrible.

“Because you are lukewarm I will spit you from my mouth.” (Rev. 3:15-17)

Reading that, I looked at my own life, and I did not see much sign of taking up a cross, of losing my life, of traveling a narrow and difficult road.

What is Lent? Barbara Brown Taylor goes on to say it is a time to examine the soul.

“Forty days to cleanse the system and open the eyes to what remains when all comfort is gone. Forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone and not by what we can supply for ourselves”.

Feb. 25 was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

I invite you to examine your soul, as I will mine, that we may better live by the grace of God.

## Commentary: Engaging the Eastern enemy

**Maj. Eric Shuler**  
*Special contributor*

Sun Tzu said over two thousand years ago, “know your enemy.” “The Tiger’s Way: A U.S. Private’s Best Chance for Survival” will do for tactics what the Smart Books did for staff operations. This book is not just for privates.

Author John Poole, a retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, has written several books on the enemy’s way of fighting. Poole is known for writing the book, “The Last Hundred Yards,” an excellent book on combat skills.

Poole is a professional teacher of military tactics and has an extensive knowledge of the Eastern enemy. “The Tiger’s Way” is a book about the eastern way of fighting. Eastern refers to Russian, Chinese, Afghanistan, Vietnamese and North Koreans.

The book is an eye opener for small unit tactics. Knowing how an enemy operates is the key

to defeat him.

Poole is very concerned about younger enlisted Soldiers and keeping them alive.

I have spoken to the author and I’m convinced he is concerned about protecting lives.

He states that combat skills can be taught in order to survive. He tells how to properly avoid getting shot, while engaging an enemy. Facts like crouching down reduce a Soldier’s chance of getting hit by 50 percent, and crawling to almost zero.

Poole forces the reader to compare how Soldiers operate in a military setting. One chapter on how a Ninja thinks and operates describes how the Ninja leaves the natural setting of the environment and tries to blend in. The American military with its huge logistics needs disrupts the surrounding and stands out.

Poole emphasizes no Solider in a vehicle is able

to sneak up on an enemy. The enemy is often willing to let the tanks pass through their lines and then have their infantry engage tanks from behind.

While reading the book, compare it to what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan; it will be an eye opener. (The author advised me that, unfortunately, due to publishing time frames, he could not include chapters on the Iraq conflict.)

I have over 19 years of service in the Army National Guard and learned a great deal from this book. After showing it to my fellow officers, they all wanted to read it.

As more National Guardsman are deployed overseas, we need the advantages “The Tiger’s Way: A U.S. Private’s Best Chance for Survival” teaches the reader.

The book is available at [www.posteritypress.org](http://www.posteritypress.org) or at a local PX.

## BDU’s

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members and other non-Defense Department customers.

The military supply system provides routine support for AAFES requirements. Recruits/units and other higher priority requirements such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and Recruit Induction Centers receive first priority.

Since DSCP is the only authorized BDU source as directed by the memorandums of agreement with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force, AAFES has no other choice but to continue to monitor the situation.

Lumbley advises that AAFES continually requests updates on the backorder status.

“We remain committed to providing customers with the latest information and fix shortages regarding the situation. Until such notice is received, AAFES is asking for customers’ patience as it continues to work with the military supply system to find a solution to the BDU situation,” Lumbley said.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground AAFES will keep its customers informed of the status of the BDU backorders through bulletin board postings in the store and through the *APG News* according to Thea Sarver, APG AAFES manager.

## Focus

*From front page*

1995. The site was last overhauled in 2001, around the same time the “Army of One” brand was introduced. It averages just over 4 million hits a month from more than 140 countries, he said.

“We pay close attention

to third-party evaluations and we are routinely ranked in the top 1,000 Web sites in the world,” Wiggins said. “When you have a global audience, you can’t help but be strategic.”

The ultimate success of strategic communications relies on all three departments working together to synchronize their efforts, officials said.

“The good news story in all of this is that with strategic communications, we have the methodology and plans to communicate to Army leaders, the Hill and the public what their Army is doing for America,” Sauer said. “And that we’re doing it in a very succinct and timely fashion.”



# Safety and Health

## Household poisoning accidents: prevent, but be prepared

**Janelle Lucksavage**  
CHPPM

Millions of people are unintentionally poisoned each year, with young children at the greatest risk.

National Poison Prevention Week was authorized by Congress and the President in 1961. Each year it occurs during the third full week of March, falling this year during the week of March 21. This is a good opportunity to learn about poisonings and how to be prepared if it happens to family members or friends.

There are several ways a person can be exposed to a poison. Poisons can be eaten, inhaled, or can come in contact with the eyes or skin.

It is important to follow these emergency action tips immediately if someone comes in contact with a potentially hazardous poison.

**Inhaled** - Quickly get person to fresh air. Open doors and windows. Do not breathe any fumes yourself. Call Poison Control.

**On the skin** - Remove any contaminated clothing. Rinse skin continuously with water for 15 minutes. Call Poison Control.

**In the eye** - Quickly begin rinsing with luke-

warm water. Continue for 15 minutes. Blink as much as possible while rinsing eye. Call Poison Control.

**Swallowed** - Do not give anything by mouth or make victim vomit. Contact doctor or Poison Control first. Follow their directions.

It is very important to call the Poison Control center with all poisonings. Someone who has been poisoned may not immediately look or act sick, but it is good to call and discuss the situation with someone at the center.

If a poisoning does occur, it is important to stay calm and act quickly. When calling Poison Control, be prepared to give them specific information pertaining to the poisoning such as the condition of the person, age and weight of the person, the time the poisoning occurred, what type of poisoning occurred, and how much poison the person was

exposed to. Listen very carefully to the instructions given by the Poison Control center.

Different types of poisonings need different types of treatments. Some situations may be referred to a hospital or doctor's office, but most poisonings can be successfully treated at home.

Due to their curiosity, young children are especially susceptible to being poisoned. Many poisons come in attractive containers or brightly colored bottles. A child can easily mistake them for something that may be good to eat or drink.

Some of the most common and dangerous types of poisons are medications, cleaning products (e.g., drain cleaner, oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner), antifreeze, pesticides, and hydrocarbons (e.g., lighter fluid, kerosene, furniture polish).

There are several easy things to do to help

"poison-proof" a home:

- Keep all household medicines in the original, childproof container.
- Lock all poisons and medications out of the reach of small children.
- Do not refer to medications as "candy" to a child.
- When using a poisonous product, never leave it unattended.
- Return all chemical products to storage immediately after using.
- Know what types of houseplants are poisonous and keep them out of reach of children.
- Label all poisonous products with an "X" or another distinctive marking and teach children what it means and to stay away.
- Keep the phone number to the local Poison Control center posted near the phones.

Education is a key element in the prevention and treatment of poisonings. To learn more about poison prevention or treatment, contact the local Poison Control center or visit [www.aapcc.org](http://www.aapcc.org) (American Association of Poison Control Centers).



## Recommendations for improving patient safety

*The National Patient Safety Institute offers the following suggestions in recognition of Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 7 through 13.*

### Be active in your care

The single most important way you can help to prevent errors is to be an active member of your healthcare team. This means taking part in every decision about your care. Research shows that patients who are involved in their care will obtain better results.

### Be informative

Make sure that your doctor knows everything you are taking. This includes: all your prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements such as vitamins and herbs that you are using. Keep your records up-to-date which ensures better quality medical care.

### Share previous problems

Make sure your doctor know about any allergies and adverse reactions that you have had to medicines. This is critical for avoiding medi-

cines that can harm you.

### Ask questions about medications

When your doctor gives you a prescription and when you pick up the medicine insist that written information about your medicines be given in terms you can understand. What is the medicine for? How am I supposed to take it? How long? What side effects are likely? What should I do if one occurs? Is the medicine safe to take with my other medicines and dietary supplements? What food, drink or activities should I avoid while taking these medicines?

### Ask questions about treatment

Prior to leaving your doctor's appointment, ask your doctor to explain the treatment plan you will follow at home. This includes learning about your medicines and finding out when you can resume your regular activities.

### Take special precautions before surgery

Make sure your know what to expect if you need surgery. Ask your doctor and surgeon:

Who will be in charge of my care? Exactly what will be done? How long will it take? What will happen after surgery? How will I feel after the surgery? How will I feel during recovery? Tell your surgeon, anesthesiologist, nurse if you have allergies or if you have ever had a bad reaction to anesthesia. Mistakes can be avoided if all members of the healthcare team including patients agree about what will be done during surgery.

### Speak up

Speak up if you have questions and or concerns. You have a right to question anyone involved in your medical care.

### Don't assume they know

Make sure all health professionals involved in your care are aware of important health information about you. Do not assume that everyone knows everything that they need to know.

### Designate an advocate

Ask a family member or friend to be your advocate. If you think you will need help, ask someone to help get things done and speak for you if you cannot.

### Learn on your own

Learn about your conditions and treatment. Studies have shown that patients who educate themselves about their medical conditions live happier, healthier lives.

### Learn by asking

Learn about your condition by asking your doctor, nurse, and other reliable resources for medical information.

## Protective eyewear is key in the workplace

**Maj. Dean Bancroft**  
CHPPM

According to Prevent Blindness America, eye injuries of all types occur at the rate of more than 1,000 per day. Every year approximately 100,000 of these eye injuries will result in vision loss. Most eye injuries are caused by metal fragments, tools, particles, harmful radiation (welding flash), and chemicals.

A recent survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that three out of five workers who suffered an eye injury were not wearing eye protection, and of those who did, 40 percent were wearing the wrong kind. By using precautions and protective eyewear, experts believe that at least 90 percent of all eye injuries can be prevented.

Prevent Blindness America has named March, National Workplace Eye Safety Month.

Supervisors, Soldiers, and workers are encouraged to strive to prevent eye injuries in the workplace. One way to start is by observing precautions.

### The Ten Commandments of Eye Safety

1. Observe eye safety signs and procedures.
2. Always wear appropriate ANSI (American National Standards Institute) Z87 approved eye protection in clean and serviceable condition for mechanical, chemical, biological or radiant energy hazards.
3. Never wear contact lenses where smoke, dust, and chemical fumes exist. Do not wear

contact lenses during field training and deployment.

4. Wear ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials) F803 approved eye guards that contain lenses to play racquet sports.

5. Know where the eye wash fountain is and know how to use and maintain it.

6. Know basic first aid for eye injury so you may help yourself and fellow workers.

7. Have an eye examination by an eye doctor every two or three years, or sooner as directed, to be ensured of having good vision to do the job safely and efficiently.

8. Report hazards and unsafe practices that may cause eye injury to a supervisor.

9. Encourage fellow workers to practice eye safety and receive annual eye safety training.

10. Use common sense in all activities potentially hazardous to the eye.

The Wise Owl Club, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America, has recognized more than 80,000 people in the United States whose sight was saved in an accident because they wore eye protection. Eye protection works.

Prevent Blindness America offers free literature on workplace eye safety, including tips to prevent and avoid work-related eye injuries. Visit Prevent Blindness America's Web site at [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) or call 1-800-331-2020.



Courtesy of MEDCOM

## APG Occupational Health Clinic offering limited services

There will be no clinical or nursing staff available in the Aberdeen Area Occupational Health Clinic the week of March 15.

Patients with injuries are requested to go to the nearest emergency room. Those with minor/chronic illnesses are requested to see either their civilian or military provider of choice.

Only scheduling services will be addressed through the OHC during this staff shortage.

The OHC in the Edgewood area is not affected and will continue to provide normal services. For more information, call 410-278-19213.

## CHPPM gets top poster award atTRICARE National Conference

**Ann Ham**  
CHPPM

A CHPPM poster presentation entitled, "US Army Toolkit for the Great American Smokeout 2003," won the top award in the Healthcare Innovation Poster Competition Readiness category at the recent TRICARE National Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dr. David Tornberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Clinical and Program Policy and TRICARE Management Activity Chief Medical Officer presented the award to CHPPM.

The poster displays articles and graphics furnished by the CHPPM Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness to the U.S. Army Medical Command to promote the Great American Smokeout 2003.

Dr. David Tornberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Clinical and Program Policy and TRICARE Management Activity chief medical officer presented the award to CHPPM.

"This toolkit is the kind of approach we need, not just for the Soldier, but for the family members, too," Tornberg said. The military healthcare system deals with people with families, and the toolkit approach reaches all of us, he said.

Brad Taft, health promotion outcomes researcher; Capt. Justin Curry, clinical psychology staff officer; and Joyce Kopatch, visual information specialist, collaborated on the research, development, design and production of the award-winning poster.

"We're deeply concerned about the health of the Soldier," Taft said. "Our effort in the Great American Smokeout campaign toolkit was necessary because we

want Soldiers and their families to achieve maximum health status. Tobacco use detracts from health in so many ways."

The CHPPM DHPW staff regularly provides health and wellness information to Army publications and Web sites through their research and health promotion efforts.

For toolkit resources, visit CHPPM's Web site link to Tobacco Cessation, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Population/TobaccoCessation.aspx>, and scroll down to Great American Smokeout 2003 Toolkit Resources.

Smoking and the Warfighter poster, in various formats and sizes, and other Toolkit materials are available.


For more information on the toolkit, contact CHPPM Public Affairs, DSN 584-2088, 410-436-2088.



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# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining year planned for APG.  
Some things to look for include the ICW

Wrestling event on March 20, Miller Lite Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry on July 17, and lots more.

To learn more, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com> for the latest information.

### Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### March Madness Racquetball, Handball Tournament

This tournament will be held 7 p.m., March 26 through 28, at the APG Athletic Center. This will be a single-elimination divisional tournament. Participants must register by level of ability.

All participants will receive an official March Madness Tournament T-shirt.

Trophies will be given for first and second place finishers in each division.

### Softball Instructional Clinic

This class will be held 5 to 7 p.m., March 24 through 31, on Shine Sports Field. The class includes basic instruction on batting, throwing, fielding and team strategies on offensive and defensive maneuvers used during a game. Register by March 19. Cost is \$25.

### Potomac Mills Outlet Mall shopping

A deluxe motorcoach will take shoppers to Potomac Mills Outlet Mall March 27. Bus will depart at 8:15 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Cost is

\$21. Check it out first at [www.outletsonine.com](http://www.outletsonine.com). Register by March 17.

### Bowling special

Scotch Double will be held 1 p.m., March 14. Cost is \$16 per couple.

### Outdoor Expo, April 20

Outdoor Recreation is hosting an expo 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 20. Some of the items on display will include canoes, pop-up campers, boats, Super grills, canopies, and more. There will be give-aways all day.

For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail [doorrecreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:doorrecreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Camping Certification plus

Get "camping certified" by the professionals 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 27, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area.

Find out how to choose, set up, maintain, and secure a campsite. Learn how to weather, terrain, plants, environment, and animals affect and relate to camping safety and guidelines.

In addition there will be information presented on the wildlife and habitats of APG, and the past and present history of the installation. Register by March 19. Cost is \$10.

### New York City Patriot's tour

Ride a deluxe motorcoach on March 27 to get a great patriot guided tour. View

Ground Zero, Battery Park, China Town, Financial district, the Village areas, United Nations, Empire State Building, Theater District, Time Square, 5th Avenue, Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park and more. There will be deals on purchasing fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meats, seafood, sweets, crafts, books, flowers, jewelry, clothing, coins and more.

Bus will pick up at Vitali's Restaurant on MD Route 24 in Edgewood at 7:45 a.m. and drop off at 10 p.m. Cost is \$70. Register by March 12.

### New York City overnight

Take a trip to New York City April 23 through 25 and stay two nights in lodging, two breakfasts, one dinner in Manhattan, a guided city tour, souvenir gift, luggage handling, and deluxe motorcoach. Bus will depart at 7:45 a.m., Friday, and return at 8 p.m., Sunday. Cost is \$351 for doubles and \$460 for singles. Register by March 22.

### Aqueduct Flea Market trip

The Community Recreation Division will sponsor a trip to the Aqueduct Flea Market, Brooklyn, New York, April 10. Cost is \$36 and includes admission to the market. Bus will depart 7 a.m. and return 7:30 p.m. Everything from clothing to electronics, antique furniture and home decor, toys to groceries - and more with over 1,000 vendors. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare

to shop till you drop, then visit famous Jamaica Avenue for even more bargains. Register by March 19.

### Advanced Dog Obedience

Advanced Dog Obedience classes will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 8 through May 13, in the Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. Cost is \$60.

Instructional classes will help improve the dog's behaviors and willingness to cooperate. Learn proven methods of controlling the dog in the home and outside environment. Learn how to practice and develop advanced skills at home while training the dog to respond to them. Register by April 1.

### Exton Golf Course opening news

Exton Golf Course will reopen March 17. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to dusk, Wednesday thru Saturday.

Starting April 1, the golf course will be open 7 a.m. to dusk, Monday thru Sunday.

The season opener tournament will be held with a 9 a.m. shotgun start on April 3.

For more information, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

**Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-436-3589.**

**The following is a new book available at the APG MWR libraries:**

**The Cheating Culture: why more Americans are doing wrong to**

**get ahead** by David Callahan

"Callahan says everybody's cheating and the trouble begins in America's brutally competitive economic climate, which rewards results and looks the other way when it comes to the ethical and even criminal transgressions of those who come out on the winning end. Further, Callahan posits that otherwise upright folks who would not cheat are drawn into the practice out of fear that they simply won't be able to make it in modern society otherwise."

## Correction

The Edgewood artist who donated the artwork for the ECBC Black History Potluck was Latricia Miles. She was incorrectly identified in the *APG News* Feb. 26 issue. The *APG News* staff apologizes for the error.